

# CHAIRMAN HURLEY OUTLINES PLAN TO COMBAT SUBMARINE MENACE

## New Industry Created by Shipping Board Will Make America Greatest Maritime Nation

(By Associated Press.)  
NEW YORK, March 29.—America's effort to meet German submarine war, whose full menace has just been revealed in British admiralty figures on sinkings of ships was outlined here tonight by Chairman Hurley of the shipping board, in a frank statement before the National Marine League.

Mr. Hurley disclosed that despite delays, the country soon will have 750 steel and wooden ways turning out ships and that the government's mammoth steel shipbuilding program of eight million tons on March 1 was 28 per cent on its way to completion. This does not mean that 28 per cent was in the water, but that construction as a whole had advanced that far. Eight per cent of the vessels actually have been put into service, Mr. Hurley said.

The three government fabricating yards near Philadelphia, when in full operation, will be able to produce, Mr. Hurley said, more ships in a year than all the yards of England, heretofore the greatest shipbuilding country in the world.

The high point in the curve of production has been delayed, Mr. Hurley pointed out, by a number of causes, gradually these are being overcome.

he declared, and before many months the peak will have been reached.

"Unless we get out men to the battle front, we will not win the war, and therefore it all comes back to ships," said Mr. Hurley. "Upon the shipping board has devolved the responsibility of supplying this need and supplying it under the most extraordinary conditions that ever existed, at a time when every other industry is being taxed to its utmost capacity to provide war necessities."

"The handicaps have been many. We were not a maritime nation. With the exception of a few widely scattered yards, merchant marine construction had almost become a lost art with us. Then came this sudden call at a moment when the navy was undergoing the greatest expansion in its history—when most, if not all, of the established yards were feverishly engaged in rush construction of dreadnaughts, destroyers, submarines, fuel ships, tenders and other auxiliary craft and when munition makers were absorbing that part of skilled labor which had not been called to government navy yards or private shipbuilding plants. So it was a case of not only working from the ground up, but of first securing the ground upon which to

make a start, some of it marsh land which had to be filled in before launching ways could be laid. I doubt if the magnitude of the task is generally appreciated.

"There were 37 steel ship yards in America at the time of our entrance into the war. We have located 81 additional steel and wood yards while 18 other yards have been expanded. We are building in the new and expanded steel yards 235 new steel shipways, or 26 more than at present exist in all the ship yards of England. The new industry we have created will make America the greatest maritime nation in history.

"It took Germany 40 years to build up her mighty military machinery. In less than eight months we have built up a shipbuilding machine, which when it gets into full swing, will defeat the military machine of Germany.

"It took Henry Ford, with all his genius for organization and standardization, 16 years in which to develop his enormous production. It has required 20 years for the United Steel corporation to develop its activities to the point where they represent an organization one-half as large as has been undertaken by the emergency fleet corporation.

# FIRST WANTS OF MEN IN MIMIC TRENCH BOOKS

(By Associated Press.)  
CAMP KEARNEY, San Diego, Cal., March 29.—When the officers' training school corps went into the trench area here recently for an extended tour, one of the first desires named by the men was for magazines or books. The strain of the mimic war in which they were engaged, officers said, made a means of relaxing mentally valuable.

A quantity of magazines, most of them of the lighter fiction type, were sent to the Y. M. C. A. "hut" behind the trench lines for distribution by the camp library and were read eagerly. "They almost mobbed me," said the driver of the automobile truck which took the magazines out, telling of the way in which the soldiers called for the reading material.

**A CALL TO PRAYER**  
Tonight, Good Friday, 7:30, "Steps to the Cross." A deeply devotional service at the Presbyterian church. A cordial invitation to all to pray, to meditate.

# TEACH SOLDIERS TO CRAWL OVER "NO MAN'S LAND"

(By Associated Press.)  
CAMP KEARNEY, San Diego, Cal., March 29.—How it feels to crawl through "No-Man's Land" in the dark, wearing a gas mask and search for wounded comrades, was experienced a few days ago by the military detachment of the 145th (Utah) field artillery.

A detachment of the men were ordered out for this work, in a supposedly gas-infested area, to rescue a number of their comrades who had been placed in the area and tagged with various supposition wounds. These ranged from sprained ankles to fractured skulls and each wounded man was required to be treated, in transportation, exactly as though his wound had been real.

In an hour's time the military detachment located and rescued all but one of the "wounded." The missing man, who had wormed his way out of the designated area as a joke, was allowed to "die" as a reward for his prank, as the sanitary detachment abandoned him.

# ADVENTISTS FROM ALL OVER WORLD HOLDING MEETING

(By Associated Press.)  
SAN FRANCISCO, March 29.—Delegates and lay members from all parts of the world are here to attend the quadrennial world's conference of Seventh Day Adventists which began here today and will continue through April 14. As these conventions are held only once every four years, great importance is attached to them by the denomination. A number of smaller conventions will run concurrently, including the North American division conference and California conference of Seventh Day Adventists.

Problems affecting the educational system of the entire denomination will be considered, and delegates from the different foreign nations will join with the American delegates in considering these problems for the improvement of the school system. This system consists of 824 primary schools and 68 academies and colleges, which have an enrollment of more than 16,000 students.

# SOCIALISTS AT LOGGER-HEADS REGARDING OUTCOME OF STRIKE

(By Associated Press.)  
NEW YORK, March 29.—Socialist and anti-Socialist newspapers of Germany have been indulging in a sharp and rather embittered debate since the ending of the great strike in February, over the question as to who or what party was responsible for the serious labor disturbance. According to German newspapers received here the Socialist party not only refused to disapprove of the strike but tried to fix the blame for it upon the government, asserting that its methods of dealing with the public had given grounds for the trouble.

The North German Gazette, an official organ, declared that the strike was a form of war sabotage in the interests of peace. Dr. Drews, the Prussian minister of the interior, said the strike served immensely the interests of Germany's enemies but that the confidence of the government and the Prussian people had not been shaken and it would, as heretofore, press the internal reform. The Social Democratic party leaders were accused of encouraging

the strike. Retorting to this charge the Berlin Vorwaerts, an outspoken Socialist organ, quoted Prime Minister Von Dandele of Bavaria as having thanked the Democratic Socialist leaders, in a speech in the Bavarian chamber of deputies, "for assuming control of the strike movement as thereby the strike would be forced into normal channels."

In the course of the heated arguments in the budget committee of the Prussian diet on February 8 a Socialist member attributed the strike to increased difficulty in obtaining food, to inefficient government measures for food distribution, to postponement of the franchise reform, methods of censorship and the existing state of siege. He declared that the prohibition of public meetings in Berlin and the dissolution of the strike committee had caused bitterness. Philip Scheidemann, the Socialist leader, the speaker declared, had been brutally handled by the police while studying the strike situation in Berlin. The Socialist committeeman said that the strike was of spontaneous origin.

A progressive member of the committee, commenting on the strike, said that some of the measures put in force against workmen were causing increasing restlessness in the non-socialist workmen's circles. A Socialist deputy was quoted in a German newspaper, as saying that the ruling classes above all were responsible for the strike but he added "The Russians, however, would greatly err if they believe that there would soon be a chaos in Germany similar to that in Russia."

A question as to the future status of the Socialists in the majority party bloc of the Reichstag was raised by some of the critics. The Vorwaerts asserted that the Socialist party had not changed its attitude since the beginning of the war and that this meant that, as heretofore, it was willing to defend the country against foreign plans of conquest but would combat the intention noticeable in Germany to continue war until open or masked annexations have been achieved. The party, added the Vorwaerts, will continue to act as the protagonist of civil freedom and political equality.

# GIVES UP HOME TO AID SOLDIERS REGAIN HEALTH

(By Associated Press.)  
REDLANDS, Cal., March 29.—A "convalescent home" for soldiers and sailors who have suffered reverses of health while in camp or active service, is the idea of Mrs. D. J. Carpenter of Del Rosa, near here, who has her plan now in operation as an auxiliary to the war community service in southern California.

Mrs. Carpenter has a son in the service, and when he left for the east in the first part of his journey "over there" she felt that she wanted to do something for his comrades, inasmuch as he was gone and she could not help him over the rough places.

For this purpose, she established a convalescent home at Del Rosa, where boys from Camp Kearney and other contingents may go to regain their health after illness or injury. Games and other amusements are provided, and they are made to feel as though they were with the "folks at home." Her plan has been endorsed by the medical staff at Camp Kearney, and she has already taken care of two boys, while others will replace them when they return to duty. "Something more than just being cared for when one is recovering from sickness is needed," said Mrs. Carpenter. "These boys need to be amused; they need to have their surroundings as near like home as possible while getting well."

# HONOR THE PIONEER SOLDIERS AT DAWSON

(By Associated Press.)  
DAWSON, Y. T., March 29.—Pioneer soldiers of the Yukon were honored at an unique ceremony held by Dawson Lodge No. 1 of the Yukon Order of Pioneers, when a scroll was unveiled bearing the names of men of the order who twenty years or more ago braved the hardships of pioneering in the Yukon territory and who have joined the colors since the outbreak of the great war. Those thus honored were: Andrew Hart, R. R. Strong, A. M. C. Blakie, J. McKinnon, E. L. Poppard, Frank P. Slavin, George Black, R. L. Allen, Clement Kettle, C. S. W. Barwell, D. Gleason, J. J. Suttles, P. P. Fisher, J. Love, A. W. H. Smith, A. McKellar, W. S. Johnson, E. B. Thorne, Harold Butler, P. Allen, C. McDonald, J. G. Perron, Maurice Panet, D. B. Glass, A. L. Gillis, George Vernon and George Kellier.

# FORM NEW LEAGUE IN NEW YORK CITY

(By Associated Press.)  
NEW YORK, March 29.—"The new International League" is being organized here. Already Toronto, Rochester, Baltimore and Jersey City baseball interests have made known their intention to form clubs, and Buffalo, Syracuse, Binghamton, Newark, Wilkesbarre, Scranton and Elmira have made application for admittance to the league.

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# A Dramatic Scene.

The most dramatic scene ever witnessed in Westminster hall was that trial in Henry VIII's reign when 480 men and eleven women appeared before the king and some of his great nobles with ropes around their necks on a charge of being concerned in the rising of the prelates on the previous May day. Fortunately they had good friends in three queens—Katherine, Mary of France and Margaret of Scotland—who begged for their pardon on their knees, and when Henry at last yielded to such supplications the prisoners, it is said, "gave a mighty shout for joy, throwing their halberds toward the top of the hall." The stage has never produced anything to rival that dramatic moment.—London Graphic.

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